

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

October 14, 2003

In December 1994, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy entered into a Joint of Powers Agreement (“JPA”) with the cities of Anaheim, Brea, Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, La Habra Heights, Walnut, Yorba Linda, and Whittier to create a Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (“WCCA”). The purpose of the JPA was to provide for the proper planning, conservation, environmental protection, and maintenance of the habitat and wildlife corridor between the Whittier-Puente Hills and Cleveland National Forest in the Santa Monica Mountains. To further this purpose, the JPA contemplated that WCCA would acquire and protect lands within the corridor for open space and recreational uses, provided such acquisition could be accomplished within the prudent fiscal policies of each member jurisdiction.

WCCA is controlled by a Governing Board consisting of a representative and an alternate from each member jurisdiction; two members of the public and two public member alternates; the Superintendent of Los Lagos District; a member appointed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; and serving as ex officio non-voting

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members, representatives of the County and the California Department of Fish and Game. The JPA provides that other entities may become voting members of WCCA with the approval of the Governing Board.

WCCA has determined that it is in its best interest to include the County as a full voting member. By adding the County, WCCA believes that coordination and continuity of planning among the local governments located in the region will be promoted.

WCCA's Governing Board has already approved adding the County as a member.

For similar reasons, I believe that it is in our best interest for the County to be a full voting member of WCCA. This will ensure that the County participates and votes in the decision-making process that affects a vast area of natural resources that is of vital interest to our residents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board authorize the County to join WCCA as a full voting member and direct the chair to execute the JPA, when available on behalf of the County.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board appoint Jim Hartl, Planning Director, as the County's representative on WCCA's Governing Board, and Curt Pedersen, Senior Deputy Fourth District, as the County's alternate.

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